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Patent

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as shown below.

In the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 to the clean version shown below. A marked up version is shown in Appendix A.

On page 1, please replace the section entitled Cross Reference to Related Applications with the following clean version.

This application is related to the following co-pending application filed concurrently herewith and commonly assigned to the assignee of this application: US Patent Application Number 09/679,801, entitled POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING FUNDS RECONCILIATION FOR THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS (Attorney Docket No. F-210). This application is also related to the following co-pending applications, all of which were filed on December 30, 1998 and are commonly assigned to the assignee of this application: US Patent Application Number 09/224,256, entitled POSTAGE PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING SUBSIDIZED PRINTING OF THIRD PARTY MESSAGES (Attorney Docket No. E-796); US Patent Application Number 09/223,504, entitled POSTAGE PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING VARIABLE SUBSIDIES FOR PRINTING OF THIRD PARTY MESSAGES (Attorney Docket No. E-803) and US Patent Application Number 09/223,643, entitled PRODUCTION MAIL SYSTEM HAVING SUBSIDIES FOR PRINTING OF THIRD PARTY MESSAGES ON MAILPIECES (Attorney Docket No. E-806), all of which are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5 and 13 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 to the clean version shown below. A marked up version is shown in Appendix A.